

CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Sequestration Program Amendments Act of 2009, after receiving testimony from Victor K. Der, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Kit Batten, Science Advisor in the Office of the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Wyoming State Representative Thomas E. Lubnau II, Gillette; John Tombari, Schlumberger Carbon Services, Houston, Texas; Karl Moor, Southern Company, Atlanta, Georgia; A. Scott Anderson, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin, Texas; and Chiara Trabucchi, Industrial Economics Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions;

H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act;

H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes;

S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations;

H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J.

Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building”; and

Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution: Miles City and Vicinity, Montana.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee met in closed session to discuss expanding health care coverage.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MIDDLE EAST ROAD TO PEACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Middle East, focusing on the road to peace, after receiving testimony from the Right Honorable Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Quartet Representative, London, United Kingdom.

DELIVERY REFORM

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine delivery reform, focusing on the roles of primary and specialty care in innovative new delivery models, after receiving testimony from Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; Richard A. Cooper, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia; Steven Schlossberg, American Urological Association, Norfolk, Virginia, on behalf of the Alliance of Specialty Medicine; Michael Nochomovitz, University Hospitals Medical Practices and University Hospitals Management Services Organization, Cleveland, Ohio; and Marsha Raulerson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Brewton, Alabama.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Larry J. Echo Hawk, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.